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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT DEFEATS CENSURE MOTION

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1. OPPOSITION'S CENSURE MOTION AGAINST MINEDUCATION USTUNDAG (REFTEL) WAS KILLED JUNE 18 WHEN LOWER HOUSE VOTED, 231-202, TO REJECT PLACING MOTION ON AGENDA. ECEVIT GOVERNMENT THUS SURVIVED ANOTHER CHALLENGE TO ITS EXISTENCE.

2. NO COALITION DEPUTIES VOTED WITH OPPOSITION, ALTHOUGH MANY DEPUTIES OF NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP), SMALLER COALITION PARTNER, HAD GRUDGE AGAINST USTUNDAG. (THREE OF 20 NSP DISSIDENTS WERE ABSENT.)

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3. COMMENT:

A. JUSTICE PARTY (JP) DEPUTY TOLD US JUST BEFORE VOTE THAT JP CHAIRMAN DEMIREL DID NOT WANT GOVERNMENT TO FALL. HE SAID JP STRATEGY NOW WAS TO LET COALITION STAY IN OFFICE, BRING OPPOSITION PARTIES TOGETHER IN NATIONAL FRONT, THEN DEFEAT ECEVIT AT POLLS IN ELECTIONS WHICH WOULD BE CALLED IN 1975. JP ACCORDINGLY DID NOT MAKE DEALS TO INDUCE NSP DEFECTIONS ON CENSURE MOTION, HE SAID.

B. SEVERAL DEPUTIES HAVE TOLD US PARLIAMENT PROBABLY WILL RECESS IN JULY AND MAY NOT RECONVENE BEFORE CONSTITUTIONALLY REQUIRED OPENING DATE OF NOVEMBER 1. (JP AND REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY CONGRESSES ARE NOW SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER.) THUS, ASSUMING COALITION'S SOLIDARITY CAN BE PRESERVED THROUGH NEXT FEW WEEKS, ECEVIT GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO HAVE ITS EXISTENCE GUARANTEED AT LEAST INTO AUTUMN.
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